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In re Application of:

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INVITING AND CREATING
ACCOUNTS FOR
PROSPECTIVE USES OF AN
INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEM

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph previously inserted on page 1 after the title with the
following:

This application claims the benefit of priority from U.S. provisional application
number 60/203,928, filed May 12, 2000.

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